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1. ONE OF THE MORE OUTRAGEOUS PROPAGANDA EXERCISES IN THE
SOVIET EFFORT TO PROTRAY THE USSR AS A HUMANE AND ENLIGHTENED
SOCIETY FULLY IMPLEMENTING ITS OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE HELSNIKI
FINAL ACT APPEARED IN THE ENGLISH-LANGUAGE MOSCOW NEWS OF
JANUARY 8, 1977.

2. ITS SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT, HANS VLADIMIRSKY, REPORTED
ON AN INTERNATIONAL PSYCHIATRIC SYMPOSIUM HELD RECENTLY
AT THE SERBSKY FORENSIC PSYCHIATRY INSTITUTE (NOTORIOUS AS
A PLACE OF DETENTION AND FORCED TREATMENT FOR SOVIET
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THEIR "UNCONVENTIONAL" POLITICAL CONVICTIONS). THE
SYMPOSIUM MET TO CONSIDER THE CLINICAL IMPORTANCE OF
NOOTROPIL, "A NEW PSYCHOTROPIC DRUG" RECENTLY DEVELOPED
BY A BELGIAN PHARMACEUTICAL COMPANY AND TESTED BY SEVERAL
SOVIET CLINICS, INCLUDING THE SERKSBY INSTITUTE. IT
WAS ATTENDED BY THE BELGIAN AMBASSADOR IN MOSCOW.
FOLLOWING THE MEETING, "SPECIALISTS WERE INVITED TO VISIT

THE LABORATORIES AND WARDS OF THIS MAJOR RESEARCH CENTER."

3. THE CORRESPONDENT'S INTERVIEW WITH PROFESSOR GEORGIY MOROZOV, DIRECTOR OF THE SERBSKY INSTITUTE, PROVIDED THE LATTER WITH AN OPPORTUNITY:

-- TO CALL ATTENTION OF THE INSTITUTE'S INTERNATIONAL CONTACTS (WITH CANADA, FRANCE, AND FINLAND) AND INTEREST IN BROADENING THEM FURTHER;

-- TO NOTE THE INSTITUTE'S CONTRIBUTION TO CARRYING OUT THE PROVISIONS OF THE FINAL ACT OF THE HELSINKI CONFERENCE BY THE USSR; AND

-- TO DESCRIBE THE INSTITUTE'S CONCERN "WITH HELPING THOSE WHO ARE ILL." TO WHICH VLADIMIRSKY GUSHED: "SURE ENOUGH, OUR COUNTRY WILL NOT COME EMPTY-HANDED TO THE BELGRADE MEETING WHERE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE COUNTRIES THAT SIGNED THE FINAL ACT WILL EVALUATE HOW IT HAS BEEN IMPLEMENTED."

4. IN CONCLUSION, MOROZOV RIDICULED "WESTERN PROPAGANDA ABOUT THE INSTITUTE'S "IMPASSIBLE IRON GATES", BUT LEFT THE BURDEN OF THIS TASK TO "OBJECTIVE JOURNALISTS." "BECAUSE IF SCIENTISTS START GETTING INVOLVED IN ALL THIS, WE WILL HAVE NO TIME TO DO WHAT WE HAVE TO DO -- HELPING THE MENTALLY ILL, AND USING EVERYTHING WE CAN TO DO SO, INCLUDING INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION."

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5. COMMENT: BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE. AS AN EFFORT TO DEBUNK THE SINISTER REPUTATION OF THE SERBSKY INSTITUTE, THE MOSCOW NEWS ARTICLE IN OUR OPINION UNDOUBTEDLY RATES THE HIGHEST AWARD FOR BRAZEN CHUTZPAH.

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